

trains can be had to haul it, and every person is looking out for himself.

Fire is raging near the Palace Hotel and the hotel is in great danger. Another is raging back of Claus Spreckels' building. Every moment the conditions grow worse.

#### Dead Carried Out by Scores.

At 7 o'clock the work of rescue was under way, but in an unorganized manner, owing to the panic. Dead were being carried from the buildings in scores.

Fire broke out in the wholesale house district, the water front, and other localities, with no water to fight it.

The Hobart Building, containing the Postal Telegraph office and the Southern Pacific railroad offices, is partially wrecked, and most of the postal and cable employees fled for their lives.

The shock was felt as far south as Santa Barbara, but not felt at Los Angeles.

All power lines in the city are wrecked. The Pacific cable was not damaged, but the loss of power seriously crippled communication, and it is unsafe as yet to remain in the offices.

There has been a slight shock every few minutes since the heavy one.

A terrible panic exists in the city. It is feared that a tidal wave may follow the shock and cause incalculable damage and loss of life.

#### Water Front Caving In.

The water front is reported to be caving in. From Montgomery street to the water's edge is made ground.

Mayor Schmitz has established headquarters in the Hall of Justice, where every effort will be made to relieve the panic-stricken inhabitants. The mayor is doing all in his power to relieve the suffering.

For hours the soldiers have been blowing up the small buildings in the business district in hopes of saving the more pretentious structures, but thus far their efforts have been attended with little success.

A large tenement building in the mission district, housing about twenty families, was totally destroyed.

## DEAD REPORTED 2,000; FIRE BEYOND CONTROL

CINCINNATI, April 18.—The following bulletin was received by the Western Union here at 11:45 a. m.

"San Francisco, April 18.—The fire is beyond control. It is now destroying Market street, and has reached the Palace Hotel. Both the Western Union and Postal buildings are completely destroyed. The loss of life is now estimated at 2,000."

#### DEATH RECORD.

Ethimer Blasdel, 63 years, Government Hospital for the Insane.

Catherine C. Lee, 68 years, 713 Thirtieth street northeast.

Edgar L. Gilbert, 1 year, 325 M street southeast.

Perry Brown, 73 years, Third and H streets northeast.

William Holmes, 55 years, 1912 E street northwest.

Louisa Robinson, 39 years, 412 Riggs street northwest.

William H. Burch, 7 years, 64 Pierce street northwest.

Harry Gant, 35 years, 3535 Virginia avenue northwest.

Joseph Nanni, 22 years, 103 Capitol avenue.

Mary C. Proyer, 51 years, 110 F street northwest.

Louis Noot, 61 years, 323 University place.

Thomas W. Sutton, 54 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.

Isaac Edwards, 38 years, 1728 E street northwest.

Valentine Jager, 45 years, 314 First street southeast.

Helen Stewart, 1 year, 1383 Florida avenue northeast.

Sarah Phillips, 75 years, 125 Delaware avenue southwest.

#### DIED.

MULCAHY—On Wednesday, April 18, at 12:30 a. m. ELLA G. wife of Dr. D. D. Mulcahy, and daughter of Andrew Gleason, Funeral from her late residence, 126 North Capitol st., Friday, April 20, at 2 o'clock; thence to St. Patrick's Church. ap18-2t

SMYTH—Sudden, at his residence, 1227 Lincoln avenue northeast, at 11 o'clock p. m., Monday, April 16, 1906, JOHN B. SMYTH, Funeral from the chapel of Glenwood cemetery at 3 o'clock p. m., Thursday, April 19, 1906. Friends invited. ap17-2t

LE PREUX—Sudden, on Tuesday, April 17, 1906, SUSANNA LE PREUX, beloved wife of the late Lewis Le Preux, aged seventy-seven years. Funeral from her late residence, 1501 Ninth street northwest, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. ap17-2t

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WATERS—In memory of our beloved son, JAMES TOLLIVER WATERS, who died two years ago today, April 18, 1904. The midnight stars are shining Upon our Tolliver's grave, And only tell the agony Where sleepeth the one we could not save. A tear within a father's eye, A mother's broken heart, Can only tell the agony How hard it was to part. MAMMA AND PAPA.

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## City Built on Sand Lots Visited by Many Quakes

Skyscrapers and Big Hotels Erected on Former Fishing Grounds—Area of Wrecked District.

Through a break in the coast mountain range, the Sacramento river flows through to the great bay inside the Golden Gate. San Francisco lies at the river's mouth. The city was reclaimed from a desert of hills and wet sand. Big hotels stand today, where fishing was good in the '50's.

Most of the houses in the residence district are of wood, and insurance men look askance when asked to guarantee the residents against fire loss. But business men, relying on a splendid fire department, built some of the finest office buildings in the world.

As a whole the city is not especially well built. A large proportion of the inhabitants are foreigners. There are 20,000 Chinamen alone.

San Francisco has a \$6,000,000 city hall; one hotel with 1,400 rooms, theaters open throughout the year; a public library of 120,000 volumes, a public bath accommodating 2,000, and a population of 260,000.

That portion of San Francisco in which the Postal Telegraph Building is located is the principal business section of the city. The great Call (newspaper) building, skyscraper, is a stone's throw away, and so is the high Chronicle building. The district is the line between the wholesale and business section, and includes practically all the largest blocks of the city. The huge Post's railroad bridge is less than half a mile away.

The beautiful public fountain on Market street, given to the city by the Actress Lotta, is a close neighbor to the Postal building. But two or three blocks away is Union Square, in which is located the great Dewey Monument, commemorating the battle of Manila. The limits of Chinatown are but a half mile away.

Big Frisco buildings and streets are practically deserted of people as early as 9 o'clock in the morning. Business does not begin till about 9 o'clock, and it is after 8 o'clock before the streets become business looking.

The night and new postoffice and the magnificent city hall are nearly a dozen blocks distant from the Postal building.

The history of California proves it to be a land of earthquakes. The first recorded disturbance occurred in 1790. Of all the cities on the Pacific seaboard, San Francisco seems especially afflicted.

Fifty-one earthquakes visited the city from 1851 to 1863.

Sixteen times was the city shaken in 1855, the first quake occurring January 9, and lasting seven hours, the last occurring November 21, and continuing three hours and forty-five minutes.

The most severe shock of that year, San Francisco's banner earthquake year, occurred October 8 and lasted twelve hours and forty-six minutes. No lives were lost, though the shocks were the most violent in the annexed territory.

San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton, Santa Cruz, and Sacramento felt them. The disturbance which visited San Francisco this morning is exceptional, in that many lives were lost.

Each man of the party found his home in ruins.

When the newspaper men started back to town they made a roundabout tour in order to get a general idea of the damage done to the city. Elsewhere they encountered crowds of terrified men, women, and children huddled together in the middle of the streets. Many of the women were kneeling in prayer. Throughout the city the tops of the buildings lay on the sidewalks and most of the cheaply constructed dwellings were simply heaps of burnt timber and twisted iron.

Then they came to the Postal Telegraph Company's Office, where they are now waiting that they know and waiting for the next shock.

Other details of the big San Francisco earthquake and conflagration will be found on page 3.

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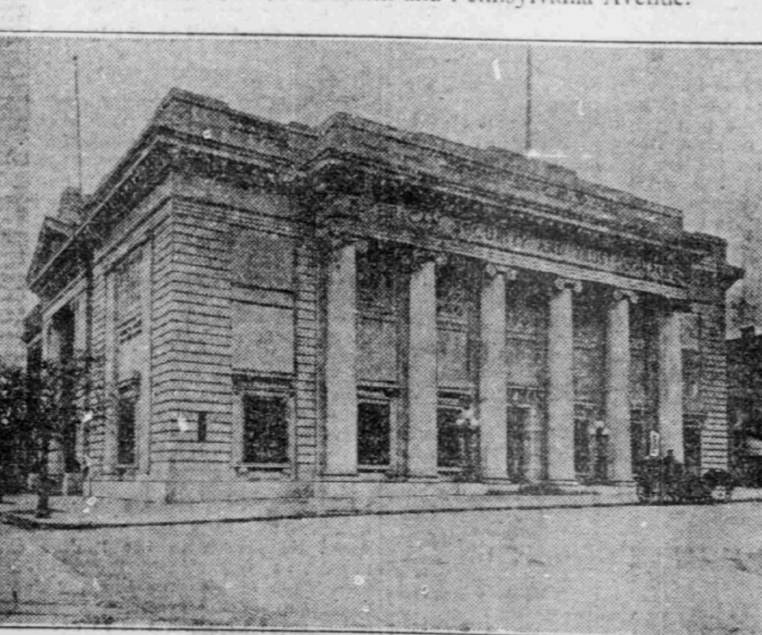
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\$2.50 to \$3.50 Sailors \$1.48

Johnny Jones, Dunlop, and Knox Sailors, made of silk peroxaline braid, finished with rosettes, ribbons, velvet, and quills. Black, white, champagne, brown, navy, and blue. These hats are worth \$2.50 to \$3.50. Special in this sale at \$1.48.

### \$1 Jap Straw Sailors (a Purchase)

We've just concluded a purchase of 100 dozen Jap. Straw Sailors—two pieces, in the popular Johnny Jones shapes. Three distinct styles. One with bandeau at back, another with bandeau on side, and the other with bandeau all around. White, black, old rose, gray, green, violet, and purple. They've just arrived, and are all regular dollar values. For Thursday, 49c.

### \$3 Peroxaline Braid Hats, \$1.98

We're headquarters for the much wanted all-silk Peroxaline Braid Hats. One style peroxaline faced top, box-plated chifon edge; another with peroxaline top, pleated chifon facing, and box-plated chifon edge. All latest shapes, including round and high-back sailors, crimped back shapes and large and small effects. All \$3.00 grades at \$1.98. Others ask Our price.....\$1.98

### \$1.50 Children's Milan Hats, 87c

We've a very extensive line of children's Milan Hats in all the most popular Spring and Summer shapes. Children's trimmed Napoleon shapes with pom-poms, cord and tassels, in white and milans. The very newest and most practical children's hats of the season. We made a very large purchase of these goods, securing the usual \$1.50 grades at a special price that enables us to sell 87c

## A Suit and Skirt Sale Extraordinary

\$15 Suits at \$8.95

In this first lot of this purchase are Eton and Pony suits, in five pretty shades of gray. The Etons have silk linad collars and vests, and are finished with braids and buttons. The Pony styles have strap seams and are made collarless. These suits are every one of them worth \$15. Sale price tomorrow, \$8.95.

\$20 Suits at \$12.95

American Woolen Mills Broadcloth, Cheviot, Panama, Homespun, Fancy Mixtures, and Scotch Suitings. Old rose, grays, green, Alice and navy blue, red and black. Eton styles, Pony, jacket, and coat styles. Short, medium and long sleeves. Silk braid and taffeta-trimmed effects, silk and satin lined. Worth \$20—at \$12.95.

## 3 Big Lots of Skirts Underpriced

\$2.75 Worth \$4.00

Cloth and Brilliantine Skirts; blue, gray, plum, and green. Cloth skirts are made with inverted kilt bottoms, finished with strap and buttons. Brilliantine—one style with two box pleats down front, finished with wide straps. Other style tucked dounce forming panel. Finished with straps. All lengths. Worth \$4.00—\$2.75.

\$3.75 Worth \$6.00

A new shipment of Plain Cloth and Brilliantine Skirts, in gray, black, blue, and plum. They are made of the finest quality materials ever offered at the price. Cut circular style with three folds around bottom. Some are kilted—they are in all desirable lengths. These garments were made to sell for \$6.00—\$3.75.

\$4.75 Worth \$10 and \$12

Fine Taffeta Silk, Panama, Cheviot, Serge, and Broadcloth Skirts. Taffetas are made full pleated, some pleated and taffeta trimmed, others box pleated. They are in new shades of gray, blue, and brown. Made in smart circular and kilted styles. Some with folds, others self-strapped. Skirts that are worth \$10 and \$12—\$4.75.

### Toilets

Bay Rum, large 8-oz. bottle.....10c  
Rab White Tooth Powder.....7c  
Violet Toilet Powder.....5c  
Fresh Rose Cold Cream.....10c  
Cuticura Soap.....17c  
Hardwood Tooth Picks.....2c  
Toilet Paper, 10c kinds, 5 rolls for 25c  
Blue Lilies Perfume, the ounce.....25c  
Rose de Furs, the ounce.....10c  
Violet, tooth 25c the ounce.....10c

\$1.50 to \$3.00

Sample American Lady

**CORSETS 69c**

We continue for tomorrow the sale of sample American Lady Corsets—in the lot are the newest models in straight front, batiste, coutil, and lingerie effects. Not a corset in the showing worth less than 69c. \$1.50—many worth up to \$3.00. Sale price now.....69c

**\$1.50 Gray Suiting 89c**  
All-wool Gray Suiting, 56 inches wide; plaids, checks, stripes, and fancy mixtures; the same grades sold earlier in the season at \$1.25, \$1.30, and \$1.50 a yard—now at 89c.

**50c Albatross 29c**  
Cream all-wool Albatross, 38 inches wide; this is the grade that we have been selling right along as a leader at 50 cents a yard—marked for one day only at 29c.

**39c Gray Serge 13 1/2c**  
Twenty pieces of Gray Serge, in Alice and Dwight shades; this fabric has never before been offered in Washington for less than 25c a yard—very special tomorrow at 13 1/2c.

**50c Silk Pongee 25c**  
Silk Figures Pongee, in twenty different patterns; this regular tan colored Pongee sold everywhere at 50c a yard—half-price with us tomorrow as a leader—25c.

**39c Habutai Silk 17 1/2c**  
Extra heavy even-weave white Habutai Silk, 22 inches wide; sold everywhere in the city regularly at 39c a yard—specially marked for tomorrow as a one-day leader 17 1/2c.

**\$1 Black Taffeta 64c**  
For one day only we offer full yard wide extra heavy Quilted Black Taffeta; the grade that we've been selling regularly at a dollar a yard—special at 64c.

**59c Regent Sheets 38c**  
Tomorrow we make an exceptional offer of the celebrated Regent Sheets known everywhere for the wear qualities; size 72x90—worth 59c each—special in this sale at 38c.

**10c Dress Gingham 4 1/2c**  
A lot of very fine quality Dress Gingham, in stripes, checks, and plain effects; oxfords, blues, pinks, and tans; usually sold at 10c a yard—special for one day 4 1/2c.

**7c Apron Gingham 3 1/2c**  
Again tomorrow we offer a stirring bargain in Apron Gingham. Thirty different check effects in regular 7c a yard Gingham; every yard warranted fast color—special at 3 1/2c.

**8c Simpson's Prints 4 1/2c**  
Simpson's best Prints, in black and white, gray and white, blue and white, and white grounds with colored figures; generally sold at 8c a yard—special for tomorrow 4 1/2c.

**10c India Linen 4 1/2c**  
Our regular 10c quality of combed yarn White India Linen; extra fine and evenly woven—reduced for tomorrow only. This is one of the greatest bargains of the season. Per yard 4 1/2c.

**19c Organdies 11 1/2c**  
Fifty different patterns in French Organdies; large Dolly Varden and other equally lustrous new effects; Organdies that sell regularly at 19c a yard—for one day at 11 1/2c.

**Sleeve Laces 10c**  
Net Sleeve Laces; a lot of new and exclusive patterns just received; they're in whites and all colors; we show very special values at 25c, 15c, and 10c a yard.

**75c All-Overs 49c**  
Oriental all-overs; a showing not equalled anywhere in the city at this popular price; twenty patterns in the grades that are generally sold at 75c. Special with us at 49c.

**Embroideries 25c**  
Corset Cover Embroideries, Swiss and cambric, all the desirable styles in Anglaise, Blind, and Open Work; full 18 inches wide; several different patterns—our special leader at 25c.

**25c Beadings 12 1/2c**  
Tomorrow we offer special value in Ribbon Beadings; large choice of splendid patterns in kinds that sell ordinarily at 25c, 15c, and 10c a yard—a leader at 12 1/2c.

**15c Torchon Laces 10c**  
Linen Torchon Laces in edges and insertions; the grades that sell usually for 15c a yard—made dainty new patterns—offered as a special for Thursday's selling at 10c.

**20c White Pique 12 1/2c**  
White Pique with white figures, dots, and stripes; never sold at this price for less than 20c a yard—specially marked as a leader for positively one day only, per yard 12 1/2c.

**10c Lawns 4 1/2c**  
Special lot of fine figured Lawns; white grounds with colored flowers, dots, and stripes; these fabrics sell regularly at 10c a yard—marked as a special for Thursday at 4 1/2c.

**87c Linen Waists 49c**  
Lot of white India Linen Waists; fronts of Swiss embroidery and lace, deep cuffs, and lace collar; these garments would be extra values at 87c—specially marked for one day at 49c.

**\$1 Lawn Waists 79c**  
One hundred dozen white lawn Waists, wide panels of Swiss embroidery and lace insertions, tucked to the side forming yoke; sold usually for \$1—marked for one day only at 79c.

**\$1.50 Hand Bags 49c**  
Lot of the popular Nitsuki Hand Bags; made of solid leather and leather lined; these bags were made to sell for \$1.50 in black and brown—as a leader for one day only at 49c.

**\$1 Back Combs 50c**  
Half price tomorrow for a lot of Mounted Back Combs; more than fifty of the very newest—and many exclusive—designed; both shell and amber; regular \$1 values—special at 50c.

**50c Silver Belts 39c**  
Silver Belts promise to be the very smartest for summer wear. We are exhibiting a complete line, and offer as a leader the regular 50c article for Thursday at 39c.

**75c Corsets 29c**  
Lot of slightly soiled Corsets; odds and ends that have accumulated from window displays; none of them in the least bit damaged—the usual 75c kinds—special at 29c.

**50c Tape Girdles 29c**  
If you've been paying 50 cents right along for a Tape Girdle, here's your chance to get one of equal quality for a trifle more than half price. All sizes. Tomorrow at 29c.

**\$1 R & G Corsets 69c**  
Lot of R & G, medium length straight front Corsets, made of quality coutil; No. 664 sold everywhere at \$1; suitable for the average figure, sizes to 36—one day 69c.

**29c Kimonos 16c**  
One hundred dozen lot of Lawn Kimonos, light grounds, made of figures and dots; some of these garments are out of regular 25c lots—reduced for Thursday only to 16c.

**21c Muslin Drawers 12 1/2c**  
Lot of ladies' muslin Drawers; wide hem and tucks with yoke bands; these garments are the kinds that sell ordinarily for 21c—special in this sale for tomorrow at 12 1/2c.

**25c Corset Covers 17c**  
Cambric low neck Corset Covers; lace edge and tucks in neck; these garments are sold generally at 25c—specially marked for Thursday's selling only at 17c.

**50c Muslin Skirts 29c**  
Special lot of muslin Skirts; wide hems and tucks, trimmed with lace; these skirts are out of the lots we've been selling right along at 50c—marked for tomorrow at 29c.

**59c Gowns at 39c**  
Lot of muslin and cambric Gowns; front of Swiss embroidery and lace, neck and lace insertion; neck and sleeves trimmed; sold for 59c—special at 39c.

**\$5 Taffeta Skirts \$2.98**  
A special lot of all-silk Taffeta Skirts with wide accordion pleating on the bottom; they're in blacks and all colors; garments actually worth \$5—special at \$2.98.

**\$1.50 Wrappers 69c**  
We received the earlier part of the week a lot of Wrappers made up of short ends of the quality Percalines we had gathered in the factories; made in best manner—worth \$1.25 to \$1.50—at 69c.

**12 1/2c Ribbed Vests 6c**  
One case of ladies' Swiss Ribbed Vests with drawing tape in neck and arm holes; these vests are the kinds that sell regularly at 12 1/2c—a special lot of them on sale at 6c.

**75c Chiffon Pleating 59c**  
Chiffon Pleating for sleeves in black, white, pink, and blue; we've a lot of the grade that has been selling regularly at 75c—marked it very special for tomorrow only at 59c.

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